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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAMURA, Tomoichiro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3749

Serial No.: 10/549,579

Examiner: **RINEHART, Kenneth**

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FOR: HEAT PUMP TYPE DRYING APPARATUS, DRYING APPARATUS, AND DRYING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 22, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 22, 2008**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.